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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC FROM NICOSIA 25 AUG 74:

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SUBJ: TALK WITH DENKTASH

1. SAW DENKTASH THIS MORNING. TOLD THAT WECKMANN HAS SET UP SEPARATE MEETING FOR WALDHEIM WITH HIM AND CLERIDES TOMORROW MORNING. WALDHEIM WOULD LIKE TO TAKE DENKTASH TO ONE OF UN-CONTROLLED HOTELS WHERE CLERIDES AND PRINCE SADDRUDIN WOULD BE. GROUP WOULD THEN HAVE A DISCUSSION ON HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS. (I HAD WORKED THIS OUT WITH UNREP WECKMANN EARLIER.)

2. DENKTASH ASKED HOW HE COULD MEET WITH CLERIDES WHO, IN ATHENS, HAD BEEN TALKING ABOUT GUERRILLA WAR ON CYPRUS. WE STRAIGHTENED THAT OUT AFTER PUTTING CLERIDES' REMARK INTO CONTEXT, WHICH WAS GUERRILLA WAR IF TURKS OCCUPIED ALL OF ISLAND. DENKTASH SAID HE THOUGHT HE COULD DO IT. (SOMEHOW I SUSPECT HE HAS TO CHECK IT OUT AGAIN.) I HAVE INFORMED WECKMANN WHO WILL RECHECK WITH DENKTASH IN THE NEXT FEW HOURS.

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3. DENKTASH INFORMED ME THAT CLERIDES HAD TOLD FRIENDS CONFIDENTIALLY LAST NIGHT THAT THE TWO OF THEM COULD WORK THE WHOLE PROBLEM BETWEEN THEMSELVES IN A MONTH. THIS SHOWS HOW FAST NEWS MOVES IN THIS COUNTRY.

4. I ASKED DENKTASH IF HE AGREED. HE REPLIED THAT HE DID IN SUBSTANCE BUT THAT IT PROBABLY WOULD NOT WORK OUT THAT WAY.

5. DENKTASH ASKED WHERE WE STOOD ON THE SOVIET PROPOSAL. I GAVE HIM A FILL-IN, SAYING WE BELIEVED ESSENTIALLY THAT THERE HAD TO BE REALISTIC NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE PARTIES CONCERNED AND THAT A UN DEBATE WOULD NOT HELP GET TO THE ISSUES. HE SAID, INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THAT HIS INFORMATION WAS THAT GREEKS WERE NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN THE SOVIET PROPOSAL BUT WANTED TO USE IT TO GAIN TIME. HE THOUGHT KARAMANLIS WOULD COME AROUND TO A MORE REALISTIC PUBLIC POSITION SOME DAYS HENCE. I TOLD HIM THAT IF WE ARE TO HAVE A SORT OF HIATUS IT ESSENTIAL THAT THERE BE NO SURPRISES, MILITARY OR OTHERWISE. THIS IS WHY HIS TALKS WITH CLERIDES HAVE A POLITICAL AS WELL AS HUMANITARIAN IMPORTANCE.

6. DENKTASH SENT HIS BEST TO BILL CRAWFORD AND THEN SAID THERE MIGHT BE PROBLEMS. I JUMPED IN SAYING THAT I HAD HEARD THAT SOME PEOPLE ON TURKISH SIDE WERE SAYING SILLY THINGS ABOUT NOT RECEIVING CRAWFORD. AFTER ALL, WE BOTH AGREE THAT CYPRUS SHOULD REMAIN AN INDEPENDENT UNITARY REPUBLIC. THEREFORE, AS ACTING PRESIDENT, CLERIDES SHOULD RECEIVE HIS CREDENTIALS AFTER WHICH BILL COULD CALL ON DENKTASH. TO SAY HE COULD NOT WOULD IMPLY THAT THE TURKISH ZONE HAS MOVED TO SOME SORT OF TERRITORIAL OR OTHER INDEPENDENCE AND THUS RUN COUNTER TO THE ACCEPTED POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY. WE WILL SEE WHAT COMES OF THAT.

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